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[Despatch Abstract.]

Buildings - Private - Sri N. B Thakur's Cashew-nut factory Mangalore - Accommodation for Military camps and use - -- Correspondence - Recorded

CODES USED:
A. B. C. 6TH & 6TH [REVISED]
AND PRIVATE.

N. B. THAKUR,

MANUFACTURER & EXPORTER OF
CASHEWNUTS & CASHEW PRODUCTS.

MANGALORE (INDIA.)
299, Bazar Road,
Bandra, Bombay No. 20

SOUTH KANARA
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.
4 JUL 1940

June 30, 1940

The Collector,
South Kanara,
Mangalore, S.K.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT.
8 JUL 1940
GENERAL DEPARTMENT

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Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that I shall be pleased to place at the disposal of the Government the use of my Cashew nut factory buildings, materials and ground situated at Urva (Mangalore) during the continuance of the present European War.

My manager, Mr. D. P. Naik, who is stationed there will also be glad to be of any service in the above connection. Mr. Naik has been trained in foreign countries and has extensive knowledge of export and import business and management.

In this connection I may be allowed to state that the Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras, is fully aware of our pioneering work and cooperation with the Government Departments in the interest of this industry in the Madras Presidency.

In the meantime, I remain.

Copy to the Director of Industry and Commerce, Madras.

Yours faithfully,

Narayana Dhan Thakur

C. Dis 1898-M-40.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, Madras.

I am writing to him in the letter, thanking him for the information given by him in his letter.

5/7/40.

District Magistrate,
South Kanara.

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P.W.D.

O.M. No. 2443 B/40-1 dt. 7.8.40

Sri N.B. Thakur's Cashew nut factory buildings etc. at Urva (Mangalore) - Ref: Letter from the Collector of South Kanara to the Chief Secy. to Govt., No. L. Dis. 1896-M-40. dt. 5.7.40

The Collector is requested to ~~obtain~~ furnish particulars of the extent of accommodation available in the Cashew nut factory buildings & site at Urva (Mangalore), ~~for communication as it is proposed to suggest the buildings & site~~ to the Military department with reference to para 3 of the Madras Dt. Commander's letter no. 8351/2/Q 2 dt. 2.7.40 (Copy enclosed.)

Drs. 7/8 7/8

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Buildings - private - Sri N. B. Thakur's cashewnut factory - Extent of accommodation - report submitted.

ENCLOSURES.
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Confdl. No. 141/40.

Station Mangalore., Dated the 28th August 1940.

From (Name) M. V. Subrahmanyan, Esq., M.A., I.C.S.,
(Designation) District Magistrate of South Kanara.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

PUBLIC WORKS Department.
Madras.

Sir,

Government Memo. No. 2443-B-40-1, dated 7-8-1940.

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There are about eleven buildings including outhouses. Two main buildings are habitable and about 300 persons can be accommodated in them. The other buildings are not habitable.

For District Magistrate.
28.8.40

Copy of Secret letter No.8351/2/Q.2, from the Commandar, Madras District, Bangalore, to the Secretary to the Govt. of Madras Works Department, dated 2nd July 1940.

Prospective sites for Military camps and buildings for military use.

I have the honour to inform you that information has been received that the following sites might be considered for accommodation for various purposes during the war:-

Palamcottah	...	Old Infantry lines.
Coimbatore	...	Forest College now shut down owing to lack of funds.
Bellary	...	Vacant jail suitable for Asiatic or African internees or Prisoners of war.

2. I am to request that you will be so good as to inform this Headquarters particulars of buildings and area available in the above sites together with the terms and conditions under which the sites and buildings can be made available for use of the Defence Department, if necessary.

3. I am also to requst that particulars of any vacant jails, schools etc. which might be used as a basis for accommodating units during the war expansion of the army in India may be communicated to this Headquarters.

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Letter no. 2443 B/40-3 dt 10.9.40

To

The Commander

Madras St.,

Bangalore.

Sir,

Prospective sites for military camps & buildings for military use

In continuation of my letter no. 2139 B/40-7 dt 15.8.40 on the above subject, I am directed to state that there are about eleven buildings including outhouses in the Cashew nut factory at Nerva (Mangalore) Two main buildings are habitable and about 300 persons can be accommodated in them. The other buildings are not habitable

I have etc.

Mrs
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D.O. No 1960/III/40-1 dt 25-7-40

Subject: War-Offer of the use of Cashewnut factory buildings etc by Mr N.B. Thaker, Mangalore

The D.C. is requested ~~to expedite~~ to offer his remarks on Mr. N.B. Thaker's letter to the Collector of South Kanara, a copy of which has been sent to him ~~separately~~ direct.

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Subject.

War - Offer of the use of cashewnut factory buildings etc. by Mr. N.B.Thakur, Mangalore.

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No. 2926-A/40

Station Madras, *Dated the* 5th September 1940.

From (Name) L.B.Green Esq., O.B.E.,
(Designation) Director of Industries & Commerce,

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development *Department.*

Sir,

Reference: Government Memorandum No.19601-II/40-1 dated 25th July 1940.

The Superintendent, Government Trades School, Mangalore, who was asked to inspect the factory and report, found the premises locked and the watchman in charge told him that Mr. Thakur has been away at Bombay for the last year and that Mr. Naik the Manager also left for Bombay three months ago. It is not known when the Manager will be returning to Mangalore. The Superintendent is, however trying to get in touch with Mr. Thakur at Bombay. As I have already reported, I do not consider that the factory building is likely to be of any

A special use for war purposes.

Director of Industries & Commerce.

Extract of this dept note in the file relating to the offer of Mr N.B. Thakur of the use of his cashewnut factory building etc for war purposes.

The D.Ite may be consulted. A draft o.m. is submitted for approval after issue the case may be passed on to P.W.D The reply from the D.Ite will, on receipt, be examined in this dept and sent to Public separately

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D.R.
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R.R
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S.C
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V.S.H
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War purposes With this information the file may be sent W.O to Public in continuation of this Dept W.O no 2.4436-II/40 dated. 4.9.40

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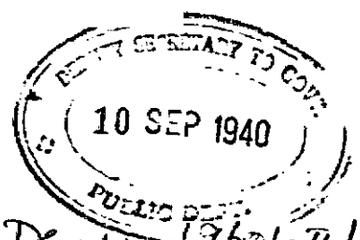

Dept. W.O. 17601-II/40
9.9.40

Pub(Genl) Dept

The file may be perused and passed on to PW Dept. That Dept proposes to ~~address~~ inform the Govt of India that the buildings in question are available for military purposes

Draft accepted file sent to PWD on 9/9/40

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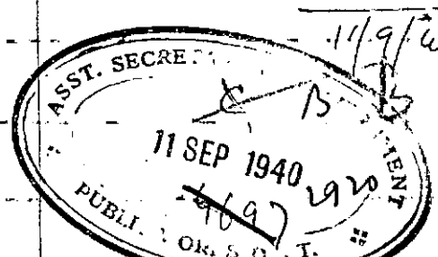

P.W.D

The Commander, Madras Dt., has been informed in letter no. 2139B/40-7 dt 15.8.40 that the Cashew nut factory buildings at Surra (Mangalore) are available for military use. These papers may be added on to the connected file.

Subject:- War Offer of the use of Cashew nut factory buildings etc.
From N. B. Thakur, Mangalore
dated 29.6.1940.

Please see the letter in the C.F. and the Endt. of the D.M. of South Kanara thereon. A copy of the letter has been sent by Sri Thakur to the Director of Industries & Commerce.

The Collector has already written to the gentleman thanking him for the offer. Development & P.W.D. may see for remarks as to whether the buildings etc. are required for any of the depots under them.

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issue the case may be passed on to P. W. D. The replies from the D[illegible] Sec, will, on receipt be examined in this dept and sent to Public separately

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P. W. D.

The file referred to by US has gone to Home & E+P.H. for perusal of the draft letter to the Commander. On its return, the Cashew nut factory, building etc may also be included in the draft.

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Yes, but we do not have details for accommodation etc. Get them.

HE 7/8

A draft memo to the Collector of S. Kanara

MS 7/8 US 7/8

Issued as O.M. No. 2443-B/40-1 dt 7.8.40.

From the D.M., S. Kanara, No. 141/40 dt 28.8.40.

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Please see the letter from the D.M., S. Kanara on page 5 cf. The Commander, Madras Dt., may be informed of the accommodation available in the cashewnut factory at Urva (Mangalore). A draft letter is accordingly submitted. Dev. & Public may see before issue.

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Dev Dept

Draft Letter may be perused and the file passed on to Public

Cur 4.9.40 DS.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
4 - SEP 1940
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Public (Genl) Dept 1754

The draft letter may be perused and the file returned to P. W. Dept.

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DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVT.
6 - SEP 1940
PUBLIC DEPT.

This hardly seems to be what the owners of the factory contemplated! Nor is it likely to be of any use to the Army. However we need not object to the draft going

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
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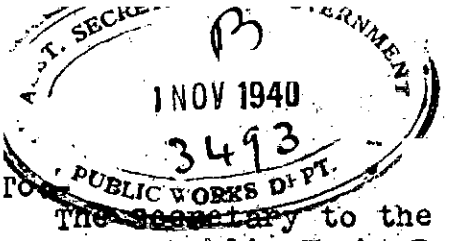

No. 8351 / 58 / Q2,
Headquarters, Madras District,
BANGALORE. 30 October 1940.

To

The ~~Secretary~~ to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

Subject:- Prospective sites for military camps and buildings for military use.

Sir,

Reference your No. 2139-B/40-12 dated 11th October 1940 and in continuation of this Headquarters No. 8351/56/Q2 dated 16th October 1940 41 Q (E)

The buildings are considered suitable, but cannot be put to any immediate use.

Industries & Commerce **DEPARTMENT.**

Received ..... ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 6 NOV 1940 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT *Registered* 30894-A/1940. 6.11.40.

Subject. War - Offer of the use of cashewnut factory buildings by Sri N.B. Thakur, Mangalore.

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Public wo in continuation of wo no 8/11. 19601/11/40 dt 10.9.40.

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No. 2926-A/40.

Station Madras, *Dated the* 5th November 1940

From (Name) L.B. Green, Esq., O.B.E.,
(Designation) Director of Industries & Commerce

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

May be filed with G.O. 2290 Ind dt 25.X.40 with reference to W.S.'s note on p 21 thereof. P.W.D.

Copy of-Report.

Subject: War Offer of the use of cashewnut factory buildings by B.Thakur Mangalore

In continuation of my report No.666/40, dated 2nd September 1940 on the above subject, I beg to state that Mr. Nayak, Manager of Thakur's Cashewnut factory returned to Mangalore and so I went and inspected the factory along with him. I give below the necessary details of the factory:-

Total area of factory grounds inclusive of buildings sheds etc. 2 acres 40 cents.

Total floor area.

ain building with tiled roof and cement flooring.

3 halls.	2375 sq. ft.
Packing room.	900 " "
Office*	840 " "

(This office area will not be available for Government purposes as the owner requires it for storing his furniture etc).

Peeling section and godown with zinc sheet roofing:

4 halls.	8363 sq.feet.

(Note: In this building some of the doors and windows are in a very bad condition and the roofing is not completely waterproof).

mall godown with tiled roofing and mud-flooring:

2 rooms.	800 sq. feet.
2 open sheds with tiled roofing and mud flooring.	3400 " "
Workmen's dining shed, open, with tiled roofing and cement flooring.	300 " "
Moistening room, tiled roof expanded metal all round, stone floor.	400 " "

In the packing room there is a vacuumising machine which has capacity of 1200 tins a day of 8 working hours. Besides this, ere is no other machine or apparatus in the factory

There is a well in the compound.

There is a mud compound wall of about 5 feet high all round e factory, but it is in a dilapidated condition. The distance the factory from the Mangalore Railway Station is 2 miles and om Port 1¼ miles. There is metal road up to within one furlong the factory, the remaining furlong being only a cart-track.

I am told that the factory stopped work two years ago, but ey undertake the work of exporting cashewnuts occasionally. When the ctory was working, its working capacity was 2½ tons of cashewnuts r day maximum and 1¼ tons minimum.